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In the application of:

Tracy D. WILKINS, et al.

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BRIEF ON APPEAL

MS Appeal Brief - Patents Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A Notice of Appeal is filed herewith. This is an Appeal from the final rejection, mailed May 5, 2004, of claims 1, 3, 6, 13-15, 19-20, 23-26, 28-31, 33, 36-39, and 62 in the abovereferenced application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.192, this Brief, along with the Appendix, is filed in triplicate and is accompanied by the required fee.

Real Parties in Interest 1.

The real parties in interest in this appeal are the National Institutes of Health by virtue of an assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 20, 2002,

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